



### AMENDMENTS

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

#### ***IN THE CLAIMS:***

Please amend the pending claims as indicated below.

- 1           1.       (Twice Amended.)    A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2           a housing having a substantially vertical source-contact surface with a channel  
3           extending from the housing, said channel having a surface that is substantially parallel to,  
4           and opposed from, said source-contact surface; and  
5           a flap coupled to the source-contact surface, the flap having a source-backing  
6           surface substantially parallel to the source-contact surface of the housing, wherein the  
7           source-contact surface, the source-backing surface, and said the channel form an aperture  
8           for receiving an edge of a source to be scanned.
  
- 1           2.       (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 1, wherein a portion of the  
2           vertical source-contact surface of the housing comprises a platen to permit scanning of a  
3           source document in an vertical position.
  
- 1           3.       (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 1, wherein a the front panel of  
2           the housing includes an inclined surface adjacent to the aperture opening.
  
- 1           4.       (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 1, wherein the flap includes  
2           an inclined surface adjacent to the aperture opening.
  
- 1           5.       (Originally Submitted.)    The assembly of claim 1, wherein the flap  
2           includes a slot.
  
- 1           6.       (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 1, wherein the source-backing  
2           contact surface of the flap includes a clip arranged to receive a portion of a source document  
3           to be scanned.

1           7.       (Originally Submitted.)       The assembly of claim 1, wherein the housing  
2 further comprises a recess configured to receive a portion of the channel when an operator  
3 closely adjusts the source contact surface to the substantially vertical surface of the housing.

1           8.       (Originally Submitted.)       The assembly of claim 2, wherein the platen  
2 has an upper edge, an opposing lower edge, a front edge relatively coexistent with a front  
3 panel of the housing and a distal edge and wherein the channel is adjacent to the lower edge  
4 of the platen.

1           9.       (Originally Submitted.)       The assembly of claim 3, wherein the channel  
2 has a first end proximal to a front panel of the housing and a distal end that extends at least  
3 to the distal edge of the platen.

1           10.      (Originally Submitted.)       The assembly of claim 4, wherein the flap is  
2 coupled to the housing with at least one post assembly having a plurality of spatially  
3 separated detent positions.

1           11.      (Once Amended.)       The assembly of claim 4, wherein the flap is coupled  
2 to the housing with at least one adjustable fastener for closely contacting the source-backing  
3 ~~contact~~ surface to the vertical source-contact surface.

1           12.      (Previously Amended.)       The assembly of claim 5, wherein the slot is  
2 positioned to permit the placement of a relatively short source document on edge on the  
3 channel wherein information to be scanned is aligned with at least a portion of a platen.

1           13.      (Once Amended.)       The assembly of claim 7, wherein the housing is  
2 configured to extend the channel from the vertical source-contact surface when an operator  
3 adjusts the source-backing ~~contact~~ surface in relation to the vertical source-contact surface  
4 of the housing to increase the width of the aperture opening.

1           14.   (Twice Amended.)   The assembly of claim 2 ~~4~~, wherein the width of a  
2   first end of the channel proximal to a front panel of the housing increases over that portion  
3   of the channel that extends beyond the platen.

1           15.   (Originally Submitted.)   The assembly of claim 9, wherein the channel  
2   is coated with a layer of material having a relatively low coefficient of friction

1           16.   (Twice Amended.)   A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2       means for housing an optical scanner ~~optically scanning image data~~; and  
3       means for forming an aperture configured to closely receive a leading edge of ~~a the~~  
4   source, such that the source can be spatially arranged with the means for optically scanning  
5   without adjusting the aperture, the source being supported along a second edge of said  
6   source along a channel means as the source is received in the aperture ~~and during a scanning~~  
7   ~~operation, wherein said channel means extends from said means for housing and comprises~~  
8   a source retaining means substantially parallel to, and opposed from, said optical scanner.

1           17.   (Twice Amended.)   The assembly of claim 16, wherein the source  
2   retaining means of said channel means extends vertically from a base of said channel means  
3   ~~for forming an aperture comprises a channel.~~

1           18.   (Previously Amended.)   The assembly of claim 16, wherein the means  
2   for forming an aperture comprises a flap having a slot.

1           19.   (Previously Amended.)   The assembly of claim 16, wherein the means  
2   for forming an aperture comprises a first inclined surface associated with a housing and a  
3   second inclined surface associated with a flap.

1           20.   (Twice Amended.)   A method for saving space on a desktop, comprising:  
2           providing an optical scanner having a housing, the housing having a substantially  
3           vertical source-contact surface with a channel extending from the housing, the channel  
4           having a surface that is substantially parallel to, and opposed from, said source-contact  
5           surface, the vertical source-contact surface including a transparent platen portion, wherein  
6           the channel is adjacent to a lower edge of the transparent platen portion; and  
7           providing a flap coupled to the source-contact surface, the flap having a source-  
8           backing surface substantially parallel to the source-contact surface of the housing, wherein  
9           the source-contact surface, the source-backing surface, and the channel form an aperture for  
10          receiving ~~an edge of~~ a source to be scanned.

1           21.   (Twice Amended.)   The method of claim 20, further comprising:  
2           inserting a leading edge of a source to be scanned into the aperture formed by the source-  
3           contact surface, the source-backing surface flap, and the channel such that the source is  
4           supported along a second edge by the channel.

1           22.   (Once Amended.)   The method of claim 21, further comprising: spatially  
2           arranging the flap and the housing wherein pressure is applied to a non-scan surface of the  
3           source and the scan surface of the source closely contacts the transparent platen portion.

1           23.   (Previously Amended.)   The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
2           enabling the optical scanner to scan the source.

1           24.   (Originally Submitted.)   The method of claim 23, further comprising:  
2           spatially arranging the flap and the housing wherein pressure is removed from the non-scan  
3           surface of the source.

1           25.   (Once Amended.)   The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
2           removing the source from the aperture opening.

1           26.   (Once Amended.)    A space-saving scanner assembly, comprising:  
2           a housing having a substantially vertical source-contact surface;  
3           a channel extending from the housing, said channel having a surface that is  
4           substantially parallel to, and opposed from, said source-contact surface; and  
5           a flap coupled to the housing, the flap having a source-backing surface substantially  
6           parallel to the source-contact surface of the housing, wherein the source-contact surface, the  
7           source-backing surface, and the channel form an aperture for receiving an edge of a source  
8           to be scanned without necessitating relative movement between the flap and the housing.

1           27.   (Previously Submitted.)    The assembly of claim 26, wherein the  
2           housing contains a front panel with an inclined surface adjacent to the opening, the inclined  
3           surface forming a wider opening at the surface of the front panel.

1           28.   (Previously Submitted.)    The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap  
2           includes an inclined surface adjacent to the opening, the inclined surface arranged to  
3           increase the opening along a front edge of the flap, wherein the front edge is substantially  
4           perpendicular to the source-backing surface.

1           29.   (Previously Submitted.)    The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap  
2           includes a slot.

1           30.   (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 29, wherein the slot is  
2           positioned to permit the placement of a relatively short source document on edge on said the  
3           channel and wherein information to be scanned from the source document is aligned with at  
4           least a portion of a the platen.

1           31.   (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 26, wherein the housing  
2           further comprises a recess configured to receive a portion of said the channel when the  
3           source-backing surface is in close proximity to the source-contact surface.

1           32.   (Once Amended.)    The assembly of claim 26, wherein said the channel  
2           has a first end proximal to a front panel of the housing and a distal end that extends at least  
3           to a distal edge of a platen.

1           33.   (Previously Submitted.)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the flap is  
2   coupled to the housing with at least one post assembly having a plurality of spatially-  
3   separated detent positions.

1           34.   (Once Amended.)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the housing is  
2   configured to extend said ~~the~~ channel from the source-contact surface when an operator  
3   adjusts the source-backing surface in relation to the source-contact surface to increase the  
4   width of the aperture opening.

1           35.   (Once Amended.)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein the width of said  
2   ~~the~~ channel at a first end of said ~~the~~ channel proximal to a front panel of the housing  
3   increases over that portion of said ~~the~~ channel that extends beyond a ~~the~~ platen.

1           36.   (Once Amended.)       The assembly of claim 26, wherein said ~~the~~ channel  
2   is coated with a material having a relatively low coefficient of friction.

1           37.   (Once Amended.)       A method for arranging a source in a scanner  
2   comprising:  
3       inserting a leading edge of the a source into an aperture formed by a channel having  
4   a surface that is substantially parallel to, and opposed from, a platen of the scanner such that  
5   a surface of the source having information thereon that is desired to be imaged by the  
6   scanner is adjacent to a sensor arranged in a substantially vertical plane; and  
7       ~~positionally~~ adjusting the source such that the information desired to be imaged is  
8   aligned with the sensor.

1           38.   (Once Amended.)       The method of claim 37, further comprising:  
2       inserting a plug into a slot formed in a flap, the flap substantially parallel with a  
3   ~~source-contact surface~~ the platen of the scanner; and  
4       enabling the sensor to scan the information.

1           39.   (Previously Submitted.)       The method of claim 38, further comprising:  
2       removing the plug; and  
3       removing the source from the aperture.